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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: ARRAYED WAVEGUIDE GRATING TYPE OPTICAL
MULTIPLEXER/DEMULTIPLEXER AND OPTICAL
WAVEGUIDE CIRCUIT

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: EXAMINER: unassigned

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: GROUP ART UNIT: 2874

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Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent
application as follows:

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace three paragraphs at page 3, line 10 through page 4, line 11 with the
following text:

After traveling through the arrayed waveguide 14, the light reaches the second slab
waveguide 15 and then is condensed at the output end of the second slab waveguide 15.

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Because of the preset differences in lengths between adjacent channel waveguides 14a of the
arrayed waveguide 14, light beams after traveling through the arrayed waveguide 14 have
different phases from one another. The phase fronts of many light beams from the arrayed
waveguide 14 are tilted in accordance with this difference and the each position where the

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